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SUBJ: ALGERIAN MEDIA DOES ITS HOMEWORK

1. ANTI-US OUTPOURINGS APPEAR ALMOST DAILY IN ALGIERS
FRENCH LANGUAGE DAILY, EL MOUDJAHID. THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 27, IS PARTICULARLY NOTABLE WITH A FULL PAGE
ECONOMIC ANALYSIS HEADLINED: "ENERGY: COOPERATION OR
CONFRONTATION? THE FIVE POINTS OF THE AMERICAN
STRATEGY" BY ZOUBIR ZEMZOOM. THE CARTOON OF PRESIDENT
FOR AND SECRETARY KISSINGER IN FULL BATTLE DRESS MAKING
AN ASSAULT ON AN OIL PRODUCER COUNTRY BEACHHEAD
WHICH APPEARED ON THE OCTOBER 16, 1974, NEW YORK MAGAZINE
COVER AND IN PARIS-MATCH ADDS FLAVOR. PEICE ATTACKS
PRESIDENT FORD'S SEPTEMBER 23, 1974 SPEECH IN DETROIT
TO OPEN THE NINTH WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE. USUALLY
ALGERIAN MEDIA GOES ON THE OFFENSIVE WITHIN DAYS, IF
NOT HOURS. THIS TIME THEY DECIDED TO SAVE THEIR
WHACKS UNTIL TWO DAYS BEFORE THE OPEC MINISTERIAL
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AND SUMMIT CONFERENCES BEGIN HERE. ZEMZOOM STRESSES

THAT U.S. POLICY HAS BEEN ONE OF CONFRONTATION AND
CONTINUING ECONOMIC IMPERIALISM RATHER THAN THAT OF
INTERDEPENDENCE AND COOPERATION AS PUT FORWARD BY
THE PRESIDENT LAST SEPTEMBER IN DETROIT.

2. COMMENT: FRENCH AMBASSADOR SEES THIS AS WARNING
TO U.S. THAT ALGERIANS ARE GETTING READY STIR THINGS
UP IF THEY DO NOT GET THEIR WAY ON ENERGY CONFERENCE.
WE INCLINED SEE IT AS SIMPLE CONTINUATION
USUAL ALGERIAN POLICIES, BUT WE MAY BE TOO CALLOUSED
BY REGULAR BARRAGE TO GET THE HINT.
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